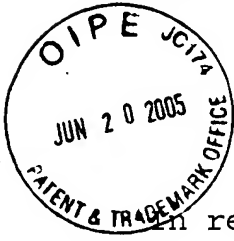


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In re Application of

BERNARD LOUIS DIT PICARD

U.S. Serial No. 10/018,050

Group Art Unit 1771

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J. Boyd, Examiner

HYDROPHILIC COTTON PRODUCT COMPRISING  
A SOFT SURFACE AND A SCRAPING SURFACE

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Alexandria, Virginia  
June 20, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

R E S P O N S E

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed  
December 20, 2004.

The sole rejection is of claims 13-26 under 35  
U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,480,699 (Gerhartl) in  
view of Louis Dit Picard (WO 00/76384 A1). The Examiner  
states that submission of a translation of the priority  
document under which priority is claimed will overcome the  
WO 00/76384 reference (and thus the rejection).

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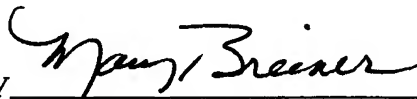
Applicant initially notes that WO 00/76384 is the published application PCT/FR 00/01635 of which the captioned application is the national stage application and of which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §365.

Additionally, for completeness so that formal allowance is not delayed, applicant is submitting herewith a verified translation of French application number 9907612 filed June 16, 1999 under which priority is claimed.

Applicant submits that the sole outstanding rejection is overcome. Reconsideration and formal allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Copy Of Priority Document Of FR 9907612